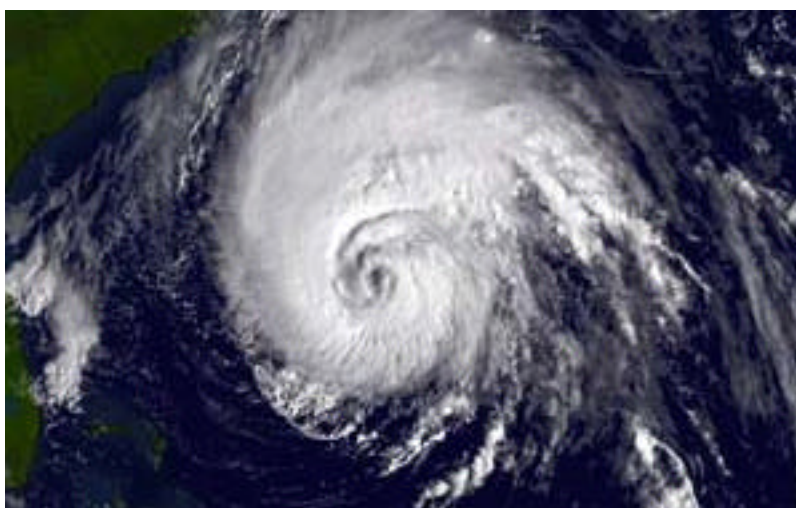


**Hurricane Isabel
Incident Action Plan
10:00 PM 9/17/03**



**Operational Period
3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Emergency Programs
Division
NCDA&CS**

Hurricane Isabel
NCDA&CS Incident Objectives
9/17/03

Incident Action Plan Overall Objectives:

Provide timely and coordinated response to minimize harm to NC's Agricultural community, Operations and Food Supply, and to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Isabel.

Provide for the safety of all assigned incident personnel in the execution of all incident operations.

Develop close collaboration and coordination with Agriculture industry and interests in North Carolina to identify issues that may arise as a result of the storm.

Be prepared to respond on a department wide level to support tasks assigned to NCDA&CS through the SERT/ NCEM addressing agricultural interests.

Maintain a good understanding of the current storm situation and ability to forecast needs based on best current available information.

Integrate NCDA&CS command structure with outside agencies both public and private to make effective and efficient use of resources available.

Hurricane Isabel
Team 1 Incident Action Plan
September 17, 2003
22:00

General Situation:

HURRICANE ISABEL INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY NUMBER 47A
NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
8 PM EDT WED SEP 17 2003

...HURRICANE ISABEL RIGHT ON TRACK...HEADING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA COAST...

A HURRICANE WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM CAPE FEAR NORTH CAROLINA TO CHINCOTEAGUE VIRGINIA...INCLUDING PAMLICO AND ALBEMARLE SOUNDS...AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SOUTH OF SMITH POINT. A HURRICANE WARNING MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE WARNING AREA...GENERALLY WITHIN 24 HOURS.

ALL PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION IN THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT SOUTH OF CAPE FEAR TO SOUTH SANTEE RIVER SOUTH CAROLINA...AND NORTH OF CHINCOTEAGUE TO SANDY HOOK NEW JERSEY...INCLUDING DELAWARE BAY. A TROPICAL STORM WARNING ALSO REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FROM SMITH POINT NORTHWARD...AND FOR THE TIDAL POTOMAC.

AT 8 PM EDT...0000Z...THE CENTER OF HURRICANE ISABEL WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 31.5 NORTH... LONGITUDE 73.6 WEST OR ABOUT 280 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF CAPE HATTERAS NORTH CAROLINA.

ISABEL IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTH-NORTHWEST NEAR 14 MPH. A TURN TO THE NORTHWEST WITH AN INCREASE IN FORWARD SPEED IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO LANDFALL. ON THE FORECAST TRACK...THE CENTER OF ISABEL IS EXPECTED TO MAKE LANDFALL IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA DURING THE DAY THURSDAY. HOWEVER...THE PRECISE TIMING AND LOCATION OF LANDFALL IS UNCERTAIN...AND CONDITIONS WILL DETERIORATE OVER A LARGE AREA WELL BEFORE THE CENTER REACHES THE COAST. TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE ALREADY APPROACHING THE COASTLINE.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 105 MPH...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. ISABEL IS A CATEGORY TWO HURRICANE ON THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE. A SLIGHT INCREASE IN STRENGTH IS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO LANDFALL.

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 115 MILES FROM THE CENTER...AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 315 MILES.

ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 955 MB...28.20 INCHES. A RECONNAISSANCE PLANE IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE AREA SHORTLY.

STORM SURGE FLOODING OF 7 TO 11 FEET ABOVE NORMAL TIDE LEVELS...

ALONG WITH EXTREMELY LARGE AND DANGEROUS BATTERING WAVES...IS EXPECTED NEAR AND TO THE NORTH OF WHERE THE CENTER CROSSES THE COAST. STORM SURGE FLOODING OF 4 TO 8 FT ABOVE NORMAL TIDE LEVELS IS EXPECTED IN CHESAPEAKE BAY AND THE TIDAL PORTIONS OF ADJACENT RIVERS.

STORM TOTAL RAINFALLS OF 6 TO 10 INCHES...WITH LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS...ARE LIKELY IN ASSOCIATION WITH ISABEL.

THERE IS THE THREAT OF ISOLATED TORNADOES OVER EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA TONIGHT AND THURSDAY.

REPEATING THE 8 PM EDT POSITION...31.5 N... 73.6 W. MOVEMENT TOWARD...NORTH-NORTHWEST NEAR 14 MPH. MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...105 MPH. MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE... 955 MB.

FOR STORM-RELATED INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL WEATHER OFFICE...AND STATEMENTS FROM LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER AT 11 PM EDT.

OPERATIONS:

- Need to conduct conference calls and take roll call to resource animal damage assessment teams
- Resolve email addresses for case farms, murphy farms, carrolls foods, cbp resources.
- Continue setting up branches to focus on specific areas on 6 specific areas of focus: Field Operations, Search & Rescue, Shelters, Veterinary Services, Mortality/Disposal, and Food Assessment.

Field Operations: Create 15 teams of 2 to assess animal issues in impacted areas. Jimmy Tickel is working with Dr. Quinn and Dr. Kirkland to identify and assign people.

Search & Rescue: Phil Snyder w/ American Humane Society heading operations for this group.

Shelters: Get list of shelters open and available and the type of animals they will take. Jodi Jackson/SART/CART

Veterinary Services: Prepare response to animal in need of Veterinary Services. Dr. Sherri Nutter/CART/SART

Mortality/Disposal: Research and follow up on issues related to disposal of carcasses. Jimmy Kittrell

Food Assessment: Receive daily summaries of what is happening related to the operations of Food and Drug as it relates to food assessment. Don Howell.

- Create a contact list for all county Emergency Management personnel. – Only found 50 local emergency management offices (in Operations folder, and on NCEM web site)
- Check with remaining NCDA&CS Divisions to verify that Division Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) have been updated. See updated list in Sit Rep of this report

Resolve the following issues:

- Communicate to Emergency Management Coordinators the necessity for transportation access to impacted areas by feed delivery companies following the storm. Involve EOC liaison to establish this information link with EOC.
- Determine what indemnity may be paid without a federal emergency declaration should there be substantial agricultural losses.
- Conduct Industry-specific, direct phone contacts on Thursday afternoon (09-18-03) for initial status reports and damage assessments for their industry segment
- Ensure all operations people are set up to access the intranet. (Penny)
- Do daily update of Commissioner's briefing notebook. (Rob)
- Review and update Division Continuity of Operations Plan

LOGISTICS:

- Assign Division resources to shifts. E-mail to Divisions.
- Task GIS to locate more space and two work stations for Finance Section.
- Request approval from finance for individuals to purchase incidentals against travel expenses.
- Contact landfills to determine post storm mortality capacity.

- Request flip charts and easels from Divisions for use in the CRC.

PLANNING:

- Complete development of incident safety/emergency response/emergency medical care procedures.
 - Determine emergency evacuation point outside of Ag building and make “head count responsibility” assignments for each Incident Command Team.
 - Post emergency evacuation route sign throughout CRC and vicinity
- Develop Incident Communications Plan.
- Develop Incident Action Plan for next operational period.
- Develop Situation Report for the past operational period.
- Log all suggested changes developed during each duty shift for the EP DIV CRC Operations Manual.
- Create accurate floor plan for CRC with evacuation routes highlighted. Post near emergency lighting sources. Discuss evacuation routes.procedures and responsibilities as part of Shift change briefings.
- Add to CRC Operations Manual Section dealing with building evacuation, etc.
- Make arrangements for breakfast on Thursday
- Develop series of frequently asked questions and answers to be posted near staff answering phones

FINANCE:

Work is continuing on developing and documenting procedures for purchasing and time keeping:

- Identify 3 accounting/admin (Time unit leader, Procurement unit leader, Cost unit Leader) staffers for each team.

- Identify 2 Admin support for each team.
- Complete Finance procedures
 - Develop procedure for forecasting expenditures
 - Develop procedure for tracking expenditure
- Set purchasing approval limits for personnel, logistics, finance

ISSUES:

- Initiate EM 2000 communications with Emergency Management and attempt to secure additional licenses (David Wray)